Fair today and tomorrow. Warmer Monday.

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FIVE CENTS.

CRISIS TIDED OVER

Peace Still Hangs Heavily in Balance.

NOT AT ALL ASSURED

CHANCES ARE FOR FAVORABLE OUTCOME, HOWEVER.

Komura to Submit a New Proposition at the Meeting on

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., August 26 .- As indicated in these dispatches last night, there was no rupture in the peace negotiations today. Peace is by no means assured, but an important crisis has been tided over and the fact that the life of the conference has been prolonged into next week adds materially to the chances of a favorable is-

According to the Russian version it was Japan and not Russia which weakened this afternoon. M. Witte publicly announced after the sitting that it was Baron Komura who asked for an adjournment until Monday in order to have time to submit a new proposition. Yet it is known that M. Witte has received instructions, sent after the President's intercession at Peterhof through Ambassador Meyer, to agree to the division of Saghalin and to permit liberal compensation for the Russian prisoners of war and the cession of the Chinese Eastern railroad, but to continue absolutely the refusal to pay war tribute under any

This was described as Russia's "ultima tum," leaving open the same old question of money as the stumbling block to an agreement.

That Secret Conference.

In the regular course of procedure, after the presentation of the Japanese compromise proposition on Wednesday, the diplomatic move passed to Russia, and it was M. Witte's turn naturally to present the counter proposition of his government. If succeeded, as is intimated, in withholding his card and forcing the Japanese to play again, he undoubtedly gained a point in the game. But no adequate account of the proceedings at today's meeting is forth-The plenipotentiaries by agreement excluded the secretaries. There were no minutes. There is no record. This, in itself, is extremely significant. When men who are fighting a desperate battle lock themselves in a room alone it is the best evidence that they are terribly in earnest.

It is regarded as a hopeful sign.
All that is formally announced is that the minutes of the last session were approved. and upon Baron Komura's motion the conference adjourned until Monday at 3 o'clock. But whether or not the counter proposition of Russia was submitted at this afternoon's session, it seems to be "up to Japan" to formally renounce her demand for the "frais de guerre," and try to obtain a partial recompense in another way-for instance, by a bona fide sale of the northern half of Sakhalin. The response of Emperor Nicholas to Mr. Meyer and his instructions to M. Witte are remarked as his last word, so far as indemnity is concerned. Compromise by which Japan can secure a comparatively moderate sum of money is

Gulf Still Wide.

But the gulf to be spanned is still wide between the two adversaries. Russia now is willing to divide Sakhalin. Japan on Wednesday claimed the entire island by right of occupation, offering only to sell back the northern half at the price of the "cost of the war." And it should be borne in mind that the elimination of articles 10 and 11 (surrender of Russia's interned warships and limitation of Russia's sea power) was conditional upon her acceptance of this proposition. Baron Komura and Mr. Takahira want time to consult their government before agreeing to yield further. The most competent Japanese authority said tonight: "The question of peace or war still hangs

in the balarce." For the first time there appears to be some dissension in the Japanese camp as to the advisability of making another conciliatory step. Many of the attaches are strongly of the opinion that they should not recede another inch. The most prominent of them said tonight to the Associated Press:

"We only offered one-half of Sakhalin upon condition that we should receive for 1: the price we fixed. The island is ours by right of conquest. If Russia imagines we will give up half of it for nothing she is much mistaken. Our answer should be, 'Come and take it.' "

All Want Peace. The main hope of peace rests, as before • upon the fact that both sides are at heart sincerely anxious to end the war; that all the principles involved in the quarrel have been settled in favor of the victor, and that with each day's prolongation of the negotlations the pressure on both sides will increase not to allow a mere question of money to stand between them. The medium of communication between Baron Kaneko, , who is acting for Japan in the pour parlers with the President, and the Japanese plenipotentiaries has been discovered. It is New York. After Baron Kaneko's visit to Oyster Bay yesterday a long account of the interview was transmitted by telegraph in cipher to Baron Komura by Mr. Uchida.

The President's Appeal.

In an authoritative quarter it is learned tonight that the latest suggestions offered to the emperors of the two warring powers as to an amicable adjustment of their differences were also communicated simultaneously to the envoys of Russia and Japan. This action on the part of the President was taken in order that no possible ground for offense could be taken by the plenipotentiaries because of his direct appeal to their emperors. While the terms suggested by the President are not disclosed, it is known that they were framed on broad humanitarian lines and in the interest of the most enlightened civilization. It is permissible to say, in the words of the authority referred to 'If the civilized world could know at this time the precise nature of the propositions made to Russia and Japan by President Roosevelt, it would seem that the force of public opinion, of the great neutral opinion of the world, would induce the plenipotentiaries and their governments to pause and consider seriously the results, before breaking off finally the present conference without an agreement. Indeed they might scarcely dare in the face of the world's (Continued on Second Page.)

PLEASED OVER TESTS

President Enjoyed New Sensations With Submarine

TORPEDO BOAT PLUNGER

THE LITTLE VESSEL PERFORMED MANY FEATS YESTERDAY.

Witnessed Maneuver and Discharge of a Torpedo-Directed That Pay of Men Be Increased.

OYSTER BAY, ' , August 26.-President Roosevelt, with a party of friends and of the naval yacht Sylph.

The weather was quite different from that of yesterday, when the President himself made a dive in the Plunger and watched at | CURZON'S RETIREMENT close range, even participating in the maneuvers of the tiny vessel, forty feet below the surface of Long Island sound.

A stiff northeast wind yet was blowing, but the rain had ceased and the sun soon burned away the early morning haze. The test of the Plunger took place in the waters of the sound a short distance outside the entrance to Oyster Bay. The boat operated LONDON, August 26.-Lord Curzon's re in about seven fathoms of water.

Saw Torpedo Exploded.

Soon after the President and his party boarded the Sylph the Plunger, which was moored to the naval tender Anache, got under way. At the request of the President the little vessel performed some of her feats within the waters of Oyster bay. While the President was on board the vessel yesterday no attempt was made to discharge a torpedo.

As he was anxious to witness that experiment it was arranged that Lieut. son, the commander of the vessel, and his Accompanied by Lieut. Frank Evans,

commander of the Sylph, and the President's cousin, W. Emlen Roosevelt, the President went to the bridge of the Sylph to witness the experiment. After maneu-vering a few minutes, making in the meantime several porpoise dives, the Plunger came to the surface opposite the dock of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club and discharged a torpedo. The bow of the vessel rose a few feet out of the water, there was a gush of foam, several fathoms ahead the eorpedo skimmed along the surface of the bay for perhaps 200 yards. projectile was picked up by one of the Sylph's launches.

President Highly Pleased.

On account of the pressure of business in connection with the peace negotiations President Roosevelt was obliged to leave the Sylph at 10:30 o'clock and returned to Sagamore Hill. Before leaving he talked about his experiences in making a descent e bottom of Long Island sound the Plunger yesterday. He expressed his satisfaction with the maneuvering of the vessel and the notable skill of the men who handled her. He had learned, he said, that the officers and men on the boat were receiving for the services they now are rendering only

shore pay, although it was manifest that at no time would their service be more hazardous than it is at present.

Directed Increase of Pay. The determination of their pay is an administrative detail of the Navy Department and the President has directed that Mr. Uchida, the Japanese consul general at hereafter they shall receive sea pay for their present duties. Their sea pay will For two hours after the President left time she remained in the waters of the sound. Shortly after noon the tests were completed and the Sylph, followed by Plunger, returned to her anchorage off

President Roosevelt received no visitors BOLD ROBBERY IN CHICAGO.

Desperadoes Entered Jewelry Store and Carried Off Diamonds.

CHICAGO, August 26.-Three desperadoes walked into the jewelry store of A. W. Johnson at 270 Wells street today, and with leveled revolver held the clerk at bay while they scooped two trays empty of their con-tents of gold rings and gathered up a small handful of unmounted diamonds.

Backing out of the store they sprang into a waiting buggy and were whirled away, sheeting at the crowd of passersby and storekeepers who pursued as soon as they recovered from their astonishment at the daring of the robbery in broad daylight. One of the men was captured later.



THE REAL HEROES OF JAPAN IN MANCHURIA.

SAID TO HAVE BEEN RESULT OF ROYAL PRESSURE.

Special Cablegram to The Star.

tirement as viceroy to India, though nominally due to differences with Gen. Kitchener and the British cabinet, was, in rea!ity, the result of strong pressure exercised in royal circles. Curzon has never been persona grata to the members of the royal family, who view with profound annoyance his insistence that himself and Lady Cur- Holmes Still Absent .. zon be treated with every ceremony detail Political Campaign in Massachusetts...... as if he were a king instead of merely gov- The Famine in Spain..... ernor general.

This feeling was keenly accentuated at the time of the Delhi durbar, when the Duke and Duchess of Connaught went specially from England to assist in the cere- News and Gossip from Foreign Fields 5 monies. The duchess in particular was furious at the subordinate positions as-signed to the duke and herself, both at the On the River Front. durbar ceremony and the festivities connected with it, and since their return to Alexardes Affairs. 7
England they have made no screet of their Typhoid Peyer Record. 7 resentment at this treatment in their talk with other members of royal circles.

Found Pretext to Force Resignation. and Princes of Wales are starting on an official visit to india, and, in view of Patrick Henry's Last Resting Place...... Connaught's experience, it is said, the princess has emphatically declared she Mr. Roosevelt's Young Men'..... would not stand this sort of thing from the The Plum Tree. By David Graham Philips... long for the leading members of the gov- In the Realm of Higher Things..... ernment to see that Curzon was not wanted to act the part of host to the royal visitors. Fifty Years Ago in The Star. Once this was recognized it was an easy matter to find means of getting rid of him. the excuse required, and, though the point at issue might have easily been smoothed Finance and Trade of the World. over, the government deliberate'y availed to humiliate the offending vice oy so far as to force his resignation and replace him by one more acceptable to the royal family. With the reception to the Prince and Princess of Wales the Curzons had set their hearts on concluding their vicereyship in a biaze of glory.

VERMONT'S LAUNCHING.

New Battleship to Be Launched Next Thursday.

Special Dispatch to The Star. QUINCY, Mass., August 26.-Preparathe party on the Sylph watched the maneuvers of the Plunger. The little vessel dived in every conceivable manner, remained motionless while entirely submerged mained motionless while entirely submerged men are at work giving the ship a coat of tions for the launching of the United and maneuvered under and about a flotilla bright red paint and building the launchof all sorts of vessels from row boats to ing stands. It is expected that this steam yachts. A big school of porpoises ing stands. It is expected that this played around the boat throughout the launching will be the most largely attended affair ever held at the shipyard. Demands for tickets to the yard have come from Vermont by the thousand, and special trains will bring the visitors.

Gov. Bell and staff of Vermont will be met by Gov. Douglas and staff of Massachusetts, and in the presence of the two chief executives the huge boat will be sent down the ways. All doubts as to the beverage to be used in the ceremony has been disposed of. A bottle of imported champagne has arrived at the yard for

Czar Said to Be Ill. Special Cablegram to The Star.

VIENNA, August 26.-Secret reports just received here state that the czar is again showing symptons of serious indisposition, the court physicians having after a consultation diagnosed an affection of the liver. His majesty retires now more than ever into the privacy of his own apartments, and the czarina is said to have several times expressed uneasiness regarding

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POSITION IS DEFINED

KAISER'S ATTITUDE ON PEACE MADE PLAIN IN STATEMENT.

EERLIN. August 26.-The chancellor, Prince von Buelow, telegraphed to the Assoclated Press from Norderney, today a statement in response to an inquiry as to Germany's attitude toward the efforts being made to bring about peace between Russia and Japan. The telegram reads as follows: "Since the beginning of President Roosevelt's action the German emperor, as well as his government, have never ceased to advocate the cause of peace wherever an opested, as well as America, in putting an end to the risks and uncertainties inseparable | doza, minister of Panama at Washington, from every great war. The emperor and the German people cordially wish that President Reoseve t's efforts may be successful.
(Signed) "VON BUELOW."

AMERICANS TAKEN IN. Clever Swindlers and Alleged "Art" Works.

oeclal Cablegram to The Star. LONDON, August 26.-By passing themselves off as representatives of Messrs.

Duveen Brothers, the well-known dealers in works of art, a gang of swindlers have been victimizing several wealthy American visitors in Paris by selling worthless miniatures and bogus curios as valuable works "The principal victims have been rick

American visitors staying at the chief hotels," said Mr. Duveen in an interview this week. "The plan appears to have consisted of having some cards printed with our name, and then calling at the hotels where the richest visitors were known to be staying. By means of imitation miniatures and curios worth, at the most, about a sovereign, and a plausible tale as to their history and antiquity, considerable sums of money were obtained. In one instance a miniature, supposed to be by Cosway or Englehart, was sold for a large amount tained from some of the dealers in Paris

TO ASK CONFERENCE MERGER. Session of West Annual Body of M. E. Church South.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., August 26 .- The west annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, which is now in session in Kansas City, Kan., today voted unanimously to ask the general conference. which will be held in Birmingham, Ala., in May, to merge the greater part of the western conference into the southwest Missouri The western conference was separated

from the southwest Missouri conference in 1870. The present action of the western conference is a move looking to the final withdrawal of the South Methodists from the field occupied by the North Methodists and the final merging of the two churches,

TROUBLE IN ALABAMA.

Officers Called to Suppress Armed

Negroes. MOBILE, Ala., August 26 .- Sheriff Powers and four deputies left late today for Bradley, on the Mobile and Ohio railroad, where is located the plant of the Bradley Lumber Company.

Negroes had trouble with Manager Mashburn and arming themselves have threat-ened to kill him and burn the mill property. There is no telegraphic communica-tion with the place, so no details are at

CZAR'S ULTIMATUM

Communicated to President By Ambassador Meyer

AT ST. PETERSBURG

RUSSIA WILL NOT PAY ONE PENNY OF INDEMNITY.

Ready to Agree to Division of Sakhalin-Will Pay for Maintenance of Her Prisoners.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 26.-9 p.m.-Ambassador Meyer today communicated to velt Emperor Nicholas last word and his ultimatum that Russia will not pay one penny of indemnity to Japan in

any guise whatsoever. Russia is ready to agree to a division of Sakhalin, Japan retaining that portion previously belonging to her and Russia retain-

ing the northern portion. Russia will pay for the maintenance of her prisoners, but will make no other concession in addition to those already made. If Japan does not accede to these terms, peace is impossible and the war will con-

COMMISSARIATS IN CANAL ZONE. Panama Government Indorsed Propo-

sition of Merchants' Committee. PANAMA, August 26.-In an official note sent to United States Minister Magoon today the Panama government indorses the proposition of the merchants' committee concerning commissariats in the canal zone, The government also cabled to Senor Meninstructing him to obtain the approval of the American government to the proposi-

The suggestion of the merchants' committee is considered here to be a just compromise, and one that will be satisfactory to all interests, and also helpful to the building of the canal. The expectation is that the canal commission will approve of the proposition. It is understood that Gov. Magoon and Chief Engineer Stephens have sanctioned it, and have advised Washington to this effect.

At a conference between the merchants' committee of Panama Gov. Magoon, Chief Engineer Stephens and President Amador and his cabinet last Thursday the mer chants said they were not willing to put obstacles in the way of the canal commissio opening commissariats throughout the canal tone, but proposed the limitation of articles to be sold there into absolute necessities It was also suggested that the canal com mission permit the laborers to make their other purchases from commercial houses by means of coupons which the commission

MERGER OF COAL PROPERTIES. Seven of the Largest Coal Mining Interests in Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., August 26 .- The News today says: Seven of the largest coal mining properties in Indiana, producing the majority of the No. 4 coal mined in the state, are to be taken over on the 1st of September by the United Fourth Vein Coal Company, recently incorporated in this state with a capital of \$1,000,000.

The property that is to be taken over by the new company includes the mine of the Black Creek Semi-block Coal Company, two mines of the Island Valley Company, the Black Hawk Coal Company's mines and one each of the North Linton, Antioch and the L. T. Dickason Coal Company's mines. These mines all lie in Green, Sullivan and Clay counties and on the line of the Southern Indiana railroad.

Personal Mention. Mr. William M. Holtzman of Norfolk, Va.

has returned home after a pleasant visit to Capt, and Mrs. John A. Beacham, 1227 6th street southwest. Mrs. Holtzman will remain several weeks longer. Mr. Arthur Dexter of Takoma Park has

returned from a trip to Boston by sea. He was accompanied on the trip by his brotherwas accompanied on the trip by his brotherin-law, Mr. Allan Wood, of Philadelphia.
The return trip was made by rail, stops being made in New York city, Nyack, N. Y.,
and Philadelphia.
Mr. Montague D. Jacobs is in the city for

a short visit. Mr. Jacobs resided and was in business in Washington up to two years' ago, but now lives in New York. George F. Lowe and C. W. Robinson have

George F. Lowe and C. W. Robinson have returned home after an enjoyable vacation at Coney Island, N. Y.

Among the passengers for Norfolk last evening were Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Hall and their neice, Miss Blanch G. Leigh, of Topeka, Kan., who were to take a birthday outing in honor of the senior member of the party, who is eighty-three years of age.

Gulfport or Mississippi City.

British Ship's Long Trip.

VICTORIA, B. C., August 26.—The British ship Saxon arrived today from Liver pool. The vessel made the trip in 184 days.

THE FEVER SITUATION

Conditions Outside New Orleans Show Improvement.

TEN DEATHSYESTERDAY

IRRATIONAL QUARANTINES ARE GRADUALLY RAISING.

Citizens Enjoined to Increase Vigilance in Matter of Oiling Cisterns -School Opening Deferred.

New Orleans Report. The following is the fever report to

New cases, 47; total to date, 1,712. Deaths, 10; total, 242. New disease centers, 12: total, 390. Remaining under treatment, 243.

NEW ORLEANS, August 23.-The increased number of deaths today is not regarded as surprising in the fact of such intensely hot weather as has prevailed during the last few days.

Health officers today finished the salting of all gutters on cross streets. Five hundred tons of salt have been put in the gutters during the week, the idea being to make a solution of 21/2 per cent, which has been proved to be ample to destroy all the

It developed today that the discovery of a case of yellow fever on Chestnut street, New Orleans, traceable directly to Gulfport, resulted in the discovery of the three cases at Gulfport on Friday.

reached the routine stage and if the inhabitants abide by the appeal of the marine hospital authorities to fumigate their premises, the short-lived mosquito will soon have ceased to exist. Conditions in the infected localities out-

The yellow fever situation has almost

side of New Orleans are showing general Irrational quarantines, which have been

a source of fear and annoyance, are gradusually raising and communication, entirely suspended in some instances, is being restored with reasonable safeguards.

As September, owing to much rain, is the month yielding the largest number of yellow fever fatalities in New Orleans, Dr. White today urged all the sanitary workers to increase their vigilance so that every rainfall that may come will be followed by renewed oiling of cisterns, salting of gutters and rigid inspection of cistern screens. Ten deaths were recorded during the last twenty-four hours, exceeding any daily number during the present scourge, except the second days, August 13 and 14, on each of which twelve deaths were reported.

School Opening on October 2.

All the schools were to have opened on September 25, but it is announced that the opening date will be extended to October 2. Health Officer Aucoin of Assumption today reported two cases of yellow fever at Bayou Boeuf and seven cases at Amelia.

Dr. White today telegraphed to Dr. Heber Jones at Memphis the result of his investigation of the case of Mrs. Frank Guerico, the woman ill with yellow fever whom he believed to have been infected in Memphis. On a report of the Marine Hospital service to this effect Jackson, Miss., and a number of other towns imposed quarantines

against Memphis. Memphis officers are reported to have expressed indignation over the report, saying that the woman reached there on July 27 with other Italians, that all had been kept under observation, that no sickness developed in the house she visited, and that she left there two weeks ago and must have contracted the fever on her return to New Orleans.

cate issued to her by Dr. Jones on August 14 to the effect that she had been in no infected point for thirty days, having lived with Mrs. Vincent Guerico in Memphis for the thirty days preceding August 1. She left Memphis on August 15, reached New Or:eans at noon on August 16 and was taken ill on August 17. Mrs. Guerico is convelescent.

It was on the basis of the fact that she became ill so soon after reaching New Or-leans from Memphis that Dr. White called the attention of the surgeon general to the case. The woman, since reaching New Or-leans, according to her statement, has not been in the infected region.

ITALIAN WOMAN'S CASE.

Memphis Health Officers Positive About Inoculation. MEMPHIS, Tenn., August 26.-Dr. Heber

Jones, president of the local board of health, after further examination into the case of Mrs. Guercio, the Italian woman who developed yellow fever after returning to New Orleans from a visit here, announces that Mrs. Guerico, according to friends in this city, left Memphis August 2. Dr. Jenes is advised that the woman reached New Orleans as early as August 15, and that her illness was diagnosed as yellow fever August 25. This allowed ten days for the contraction and incubation of the fever germ and the Memphis health offi-

cers are positive that the inoculation oc-curred in New Orleans.

A searching investigation of the neigh-berhood in which Mrs. Guercio resided while here has revealed the fact that there has been no death there since July 25, and no case resembling, even remotely, yellow fever.

Story About Bishop Denied. JACKSON, Miss., August 26.-Bishop

Galloway, when shown a message tonight from Nashville, Tenn., that he would cancel all engagements and go to New Orleans to aid in the fight against yellow fever, said that this was a mistake, that he had volunteered his services and they had not been accepted. He declared that he is ready to go to New Orleans if he is needed. but that he will not go unless there is some indication that he is wanted there.

Jackson Officials Off for Memphis. JACKSON, Miss., August 2d.-Governor Vardaman and Secretary Hunter of the state board of health left here tonight for Memphis to trace the origin of the yellow

fever case at New Orleans, which Surgeon White of the marine hospital service says was developed from a Memphis focus. They will confer tomorrow with the Memphis health authorities No new cases are reported tonight from Gulfport or Mississippi City.